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Juvenile Sentenced Pursuant to Terms of Plea Agreement

ST. JOHNS – The St. Johns juvenile who entered an admission to Negligent Homicide for the November 5, 2008 death of Tim Romans was sentenced this afternoon. Following statements by counsel, juvenile probation, and the victim's family and friends, Judge Monica Stauffer ordered that the youth be placed in the care and custody of a residential treatment facility. Based upon the record, psychiatric evaluations and comments made during the hearing, the court determined that placement outside the home was in the best interests of the juvenile and the community.

Pursuant to the terms of the February 19, 2009 plea agreement, the juvenile was placed on Intensive Probation until his eighteenth birthday. No changes in the terms and conditions of the juvenile's probation will be allowed except as recommended by his treating psychiatrist and approved by the court with the State and defense reserving their right to request a hearing and object to recommended changes.

In addition, the court ordered that issues of restitution shall remain open for sixty days. An earlier gag order was lifted, but the court ordered that all sealed items remain sealed absent further order of the court.

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